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Code of Conduct for top bureaucrats

3749. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Vigilance Commissioner has suggested some Code of Conduct for the top bureaucrats in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) No Code of Conduct for top bureaucrats as such has been suggested by the Central Vigilance Commissioner. However, the Central Vigilance Commission has stated that Shri N. Vittal, Central Vigilance Commissioner while functioning as Chairman of the Public Enterprises Selection Board, has chaired a Committee on the guidelines issued for Public Sector Enterprises. The said Committee had, *inter-alia*, recommended a Code of Conduct and Ethics for the Public Sector Enterprises and the Administrative Ministries. The recommendations of the Committee are examined in the Department of Public Enterprises.

Package for Economic Development of NER

3750. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has announced a package for the economic development of the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much amount has been released to each State, particularly to Nagaland, in the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister in his concluding remarks at the conference of the Governors and Chief Ministers of the North Eastern States and Sikkim at Shillong on 22nd January, 2000 announced an agenda for Socio-Economic Development for the North Eastern States and Sikkim. Details are annexed in the statement. (See below)

(c) During the financial year 2000-01, an amount of Rs. 399.45 crore (including Rs. 25.16 crore for Nagaland) has been recommended for release from the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the various projects in the North East and Sikkim. State-wise position is given below:-

State	Amount Recommended for Release during 2000-01 (Rs. crores)
Arunachal Pradesh	53.96
Assam	84.31
Manipur	23.85
Meghalaya	32.63
Mizoram	52.16
Nagaland	25.16
Sikkim	30.29
Tripura	87.63
Commom to NE and Sikkim	9.46
TOTAL :	399.45

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Statement

Items covered under Agenda for Socio-Economic Development of North Eastern States and Sikkim announced by the Prime Minister on 22nd January, 2000 at Shillong

Sl. No.	Item
1.	Provision of Rs. 500 crore for Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for North East and Sikkim.
2.	Provision of banking facilities at all border trading points within one year.
3.	Disbursing of at least Rs. 50 crore per annum by North East Development Finance Corporation (NEDF)
4.	Setting of an Export Development Fund (EDF) with an initial cost of Rs.5 crore and work out the modalities for operation.
5.	Development of four border township of Moreh (Manipur), Sokhawther (Mizoram), Dawki (Meghalaya) and Suterkhandi (Assam) in two years at a cost of Rs. 20 crore.
6.	Setting up of an Empowered Committee to Process of the recommendations of Inter-Ministerial Task Force on border trade.
7.	Upgradation of North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences in Shillong at a cost of Rs. 422.60 crore.
8.	Setting up of a Central University in Mizoram. Passing of a Bill by Lok Sabha and development of infrastructure at a cost of Rs. 25 crore for the University.
9.	Doubling of number of Industrial Training Institutes and the trainees for imparting training in new trades in the next 3 years with an outlay of Rs. 100 crore.

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10.	Expansion of the list of items of expenditure incurred by Police eligible for reimbursement, which would include 50% of POL costs, village guards, village defence committees, and home guards.
11.	Modernisation of Police force scheme and its extension to Sikkim and additional reimbursement of Rs. 40 crore per annum for purchase of equipment for police modernisation.
12.	Sanction of three India Reserve Battalion (IRB) for Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur (estimated expenditure for 3 IRBs for three years will be Rs. 45 crore.)
13.	(a) Peace Bonus of Rs. 180 crore for Mizoram to tide over its financial problems. (b) Provision of an outlay of Rs. 50 crore every year from Non-lapsable Pool of Resources for five years for specific infrastructure development projects of Mizoram.
14.	Fencing of remaining portion of Indo-Bangladesh Border, and construction of roads with a total outlay of Rs. 1,335 crore and work to start in April, 2000.
15.	Streamlining of procedure for selection of projects under Central Non-lapsable Pool of Resources for North East and sanction of projects worth Rs. 500 crore and to build up infrastructure and take up economic development projects.
16.	Implementation of Loktak Downstream Hydro Power Project (90MW) in Manipur at a cost of Rs. 578 crore.
17.	Implementation of Teesta V Hydro Power Project (510 MW) Power Project in Sikkim at a cost of Rs. 2,198.04 crore.

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18.	Initiation of action to ensure that work on Subansiri Lower Side (600 MW) Power project in Arunachal Pradesh commences by December, 2001, (Project cost is around Rs. 3,000 crore)
19.	Preparation and implementation of a scheme for rural electrification of 500 tribal villages in North East at a cost of around Rs. 30 crore.
20.	Additional assistance for implementation of on-going critical, sub-critical transmission system at a cost of Rs. 239.92 crore.
21.	Civil Aviation: (a) Provision of Aviation Turbine Fuel to small aircrafts at international prices. (b) Treatment of Aviation Turbine Fuel for small aircrafts as declared good so as to reduce the level of sales tax of 4% (c) No IATT for routes operated in the North Eastern States.
22.	Sanction of 8 road/bridge projects under NEC with the total outlay of Rs. 258.24 crore.
23.	Provision of at least Rs. 100 crore for development of 12 new National Highways/extension of existing highways covering a total length of 1,962 km.
24.	Programme to establish computer information centre in all the 447 blocks in the 7 North Eastern States and 40 blocks in Sikkim and completion of the project in the next 2 years at a minimum cost of Rs. 100 crore.
25.	Extension the excise concession under the new industrial policy to the Numaligarh Refinery in Assam.

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26.	To reform the Brahmaputra Board and to make its functioning more effective and implementation of flood management schemes.
27.	Sanction of Technology Mission for Horticulture in the current financial year with a total outlay of Rs. 262.50 crore over the next 3 years.
28.	Sanction of special programme for development of infrastructure and other facilities in the Bodo Autonomous Council (BAC) Areas with a outlay of Rs. 30 crore per annum for three years.

Per capita income

†3751. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether per capita income during the last three years has sharply declined in comparison to that of the year 1996-97;

(b) the increase in the per capita income State-wise and Union-Territory-wise as per the existing data;

(c) whether India's position is below in comparison to Pakistan with regard to the per capita gross domestic product; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to increase per capita income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir. The per capita national income (net national product at factor cost) at 1993-94 prices, during the years

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.